

THE THEATRES

POLI'S

What few remaining performances there are of this week's splendid bill at Poli's will be as largely patronized as the shows throughout the week. There never was a more popular headline attraction at Poli's than the unique comic-opera, "The Naked Truth," with Phyllis Rankin, Harry Davenport and a chorus of favorites in the cast. Wormwood's trained dogs and monkeys delight the children and please the grown-ups. The entire bill is above the average.

The headline attraction at Poli's next week will consist of Mr. Emmet Devay & Company in a twenty-minute farcical fantasy entitled "In Dreamland." Mr. Devay is pleasantly remembered by vaudeville patrons because of the favorable impression he made upon his appearance here as "The Saintly Mr. Billings." The latter offered Mr. Devay many opportunities for the exploitation of his particular brand of comedy, but its merit as an offering would with difficulty stand comparison with his latest vehicle.

"In Dreamland" is one of the most pretentious offerings now being presented in the vaudeville houses. Mr. Devay's company numbers six in its entirety, and special scenery for the production is carried with the organization. The denouement of the story of the playlet is accompanied by a number of mystifying illusions which are so much out of the ordinary that their creation makes necessary the services of two electricians.

SMITH'S.

After having enjoyed extensive runs in both Chicago and New York, Geo. M. Cohan's greatest musical play, "The Talk of New York," in which Messrs. Cohan, Harris and starring Victor Moore, will play an engagement here this evening, and to-morrow afternoon and evening, coming direct from the Tremont Theatre, Boston. The play is said to be one of the best of the numerous Cohan plays. It will be recalled that Mr. Moore's first success under the Cohan & Harris banner was achieved in young Mr. Cohan's piece, "Forty-Five Minutes from Broadway." In "The Talk of New York," which is designed as a kind of continuation of the character of "Kid Burns," Moore is made an accomplished race horse expert and has become a wealthy plutocrat. The piece teams with Cohan episode and song, and the plot is said to exhibit the best work of the young dramatist. Besides the big Cohan chorus Mr. Moore will be provided with the original cast.

Dear old Mrs. Wiggs and her interesting family, with her friends of the Cabbage Patch entertain Monday next, for the first time at popular prices, and with a special bargain matinee, at 25 and 50c. The familiar characters will all be there under the protection and care of the plain but kindly Mrs. Wiggs, from her geographic offspring, Asia, Australia and Europe, to Lucy Mary, Miss Hazy, Mr. Stubbins, Mrs. Elchorn, Mrs. Schultz, Chris Hazy, Billy Wiggs and all the rest. The character of Mrs. Wiggs has been made as interesting in the dramatization by Mrs. Flexner as Mrs. Rice made it in the book. The stage drawing is apparently true to life, to use a well worn expression, and even if it does not completely correspond with one's idea of the character formed by a reading of the book, it is suggestive enough to create the proper dramatic illusion.

Tom Moore, author of song, whose lines are written on every heart, fell by the wayside when he wrote that line in one of his poems, "Now hangs as mute on Tara's walls, as if the soul had fled." "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls" still sings and the keynote of Irish life is struck in the comedy drama, "Rory of the Hills," which will be presented Tuesday and Wednesday, with daily matinees. The play blends comedy and pathos and affords the talented actor Bernard Daly, every opportunity to display his dramatic ability.

Charles Frohman will present Miss Bessie Williams in her latest and biggest success, "Fluffy Ruffles," next Thursday. "Fluffy Ruffles" is called a "musical melange," which means to judge from the production itself—that it is just three hours of rollicking clean fun, catchy songs, luring music, novel dances, fascinating girls, wonderful costumes and all else that goes to make up a wholesome and care-killing entertainment. "Fluffy Ruffles" is by John J. McNally, the famous author of the Rogers Bros. successes, and is founded on the job-losing exploits of an attractive young woman. The sale of seats opens Monday morning.

Signor Giuseppe Creatore, the famous handmaster, will bring his new organization, one of the finest of its kind in this country, to this city next Friday, for one of the finest concerts which have ever been heard in Bridgeport. Creatore has been heard here before, and has always left an impression behind that was to be proud of. His band is without doubt as fine an organization of its kind as there is in existence, and his concerts have always been heard with exceeding pleasure. The program prepared for next Friday afternoon and evening will be even greater than before, and he will have the assistance of Mme. Joanna Barbi, a soprano soloist, who has everywhere created an impression which was second only to that of Creatore himself. The matinee will be at special bargain prices and the evening performance will be within the reach of every purse.

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Dr. W. H. Donaldson Tells How to Get Members—Miss Finnegan Tells Shocking Tale of Experiences in Her Work

At the Women's Mass Meeting, held yesterday afternoon in the small chamber of City Hall, for the purpose of arousing interest in the formation of an organization to act as an auxiliary to the Fairfield County Anti-Tuberculosis society, twenty-two churches were represented. The short addresses by the officers of the County organization stimulated the interest of those present. The churches represented were: First Baptist, Memorial Baptist, South Congregational, Olivet Congregational, St. John's Episcopal, Christ Episcopal, Danish Lutheran, First M. E., Washington Park M. E., Summerfield M. E., First Presbyterian, People's Presbyterian, German Reformed, St. Augustine's, St. Mary's, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph's, St. Charles, Holy Rosary, Advent Christian and the Universalist.

The gathering was opened by President George W. Jackson of the County Association. He told those present that funds were necessary for the procuring of an extra nurse to help Miss Finnegan in the present nursing home. Mayor Lee thanked the ladies present for braving the inclement weather. He explained the forming a few months ago of the county society and its present doings. The war on tuberculosis was an endless task, funds being constantly needed. It is the intention of the society to build a sanatorium somewhere in the county and there to care for the many patients. He stated that in Bridgeport to-day there are over 800 patients suffering with the dread disease. In 25 years a patient will be isolated as soon as a case is reported, as is done with small-pox patients of to-day. Dr. H. W. Fyle gave a history of the combined efforts organized against tuberculosis, starting with the first sanatorium in the state in Wallingford, which was built in 1902, showing that Bridgeport was six years behind her sister city, though her death rate was the greatest in the state. Dr. W. H. Donaldson of Fairfield spoke upon the organization and how to go about getting members. He showed that Bridgeport was away behind the procession, but, he said, "if this city still continues to make the progress it has within the last few months, other towns will have a hard time catching up."

He had found by experience that the people did not have to become interested in the tuberculosis problem, but what they wanted was organization. He wanted the women present to serve on the committee on membership, and impressed the great necessity for funds. During the course of his remarks Dr. Donaldson paid a glowing tribute to the efficient work of Miss Mary Finnegan, the dispensary nurse, without whose assistance the present good work would never have been accomplished. Miss Finnegan then spoke to the meeting as follows: "Although it is less than two months since the dispensary was opened, we have accomplished some good results. The register shows 36 patients, whose

addresses show that the entire city is covered, the disease being much better established than the work. With the opening of the dispensary, which is maintained by the county society, the first important step of the work has been taken among the victims.

"Dr. McLellan and I have investigated and results show that such conditions must improve. We that are interested are aggressive workers in the interests of the cause and for humanity. I find hunger, misery and ignorance everywhere, and stubborn patients who give histories of their ancestors who died of tuberculosis; who always knew that they would have it, and who now confidently expect their children shall some day. It is not always easy to encourage and stimulate this type of patient. The problem of employment is a difficult one. When work stops, and the salary must, the worry begins, and here it is I find the saddest cases. From no work and no money comes no food and no clothing, which together with no health, encourages carelessness—eventually there is no soap and water, and at last we have the dirt and the old dirt is swept by a dry broom into a new place and by the wind out into the city, although spitting is forbidden by law and the signs in the public places say so. We are here to become interested in or work. We need the support of the churches, the press and the people in this great charity, whose work shall begin in the dispensary and end only when the disease has been conquered in Bridgeport, which is our part in the national fight."

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George Gerhauser, Arrested Here, Fined and Sent to Jail in Winsted Where He Stole Clocks.

George Gerhauser, who was arrested here last Wednesday by Detective Fox, and who was taken to Winsted for trial by Chief Wheeler of the police of that city, was fined \$50 and sent to jail for two months, by Judge Seymour of that city, yesterday morning. The authorities there attribute the downfall of the man to the influence of the woman who accompanied him to this city and who was known here as his wife. Gerhauser stole a number of clocks and other articles from The Goodwin & Kintz Company by whom he was employed, taking them out of the shop in a suit case. The Winsted authorities had no notice of the theft until the Bridgeport detectives found the clocks in numbers sufficient to arouse suspicion in the local pawn shops. They were all recovered.

The woman, who is known in Winsted as Mrs. Nellie Multhour, parted with Gerhauser with a great show of affection. She wept bitterly when he was taken away from his cell at police headquarters. She has not appeared in Winsted since and has not been seen in this city.

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